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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Sam Hoskinson, National Security  
Council Staff -- 10 December 1976

1. I called Sam Hoskinson, NSC staff, and told him that I had been in touch with Russ Rourke, White House staff, regarding the request by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to hold hearings in January with the Director as a lead off witness on the subject of U.S./USSR balance of strategic forces. I also told him it was my understanding that letters had also been sent to Defense, State, and perhaps others.

2. I told Hoskinson it appears that Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), is the one pushing these hearings. I also said that we have problems appearing in open session on this subject although it had been suggested that the Director have an unclassified paper to start off with and then go into executive session. My reaction was that this tends to leave questions hanging in the minds of those who do not sit in on the executive session portion. I told him that the Director had been in contact with Senator Percy on the subject and had expressed his concern about an open session. I mentioned that I had talked to Don Henderson, Acting Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the upshot of all of this is that nobody really has much interest in these hearings except Senator Percy. I said I had asked Russ Rourke to get the Administration's view on this but that he had not been back to me. Hoskinson said he would try to find out what he could on the subject and be back in touch.

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